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Student Lounge closed because of vandalism

by Denise Vitelli

Because of recurring vandalism, the recreational games in the student lounge have been removed by order of the Student Activities Director and ASB President.

According to Student Activities Director Don McCain, there have been paper cups and coat hangers stuffed in pockets of pool tables and the bottom of pinball machines have been kicked in.

"It's unfortunate but it's the only alternative until people can assume responsibility," he stated.

The machines are leased from the A and A Amusement Company under the agreement that the ASB will receive half the profits. Last year the ASB pulled in \$2,600. But the company is starting to complain about all the damages.

"There is no justification to how bubblegum gets stuffed into the coin slot or the plexi-glass doors of the pool tables being broken," McCain continued. "The ASB will lose money because of this."

Since the machines have been removed, the room will not be of use as a recreation area so it is being handed over to the administration to be used for registration.

McCain fought against this idea earlier and agreed to let the administration use the Senate Chambers to fulfill their registration needs. But because of continuous vandalism, he saw no reason why the room should lie empty.

He confirmed, "I am philosophically opposed to moving students out of the lounge for registration. I didn't want to inconvenience the students."

Ping pong players will probably put up the biggest complaint. The ping pong equipment will be moved out to the patio.

Up to this point there has never been a problem with vandalism. There used to be a trash problem but within a few days it was corrected. Warnings of damaging recreational facilities have been issued and signs posted saying that if people continue to abuse the machines they will be removed.

"It's not kindergarten or junior high and we shouldn't have to put people to sit there and watch," said the director. "There are some responsibilities that some have to learn. Hopefully by removing the machines it will make people realize that either you take care of them or they're gone."

The machines will be brought back in and the center once again opened next semester on a trial basis.

The only other suggested solution from students was to put somebody in there to watch. Examples cited were: a security beat set up, P.E. students watching for extra credit, open up a job for a few students through placement or veterans.

Student Ed Powell stated, "Merely because there's a handful of people that are doing the damages shouldn't cause the rest to suffer."

To which another added, "I can't see using the Army's tactics." Against this position were those who thought the watchers would be babysitting and that "those who cause the damage should have to be pressured by those who don't."

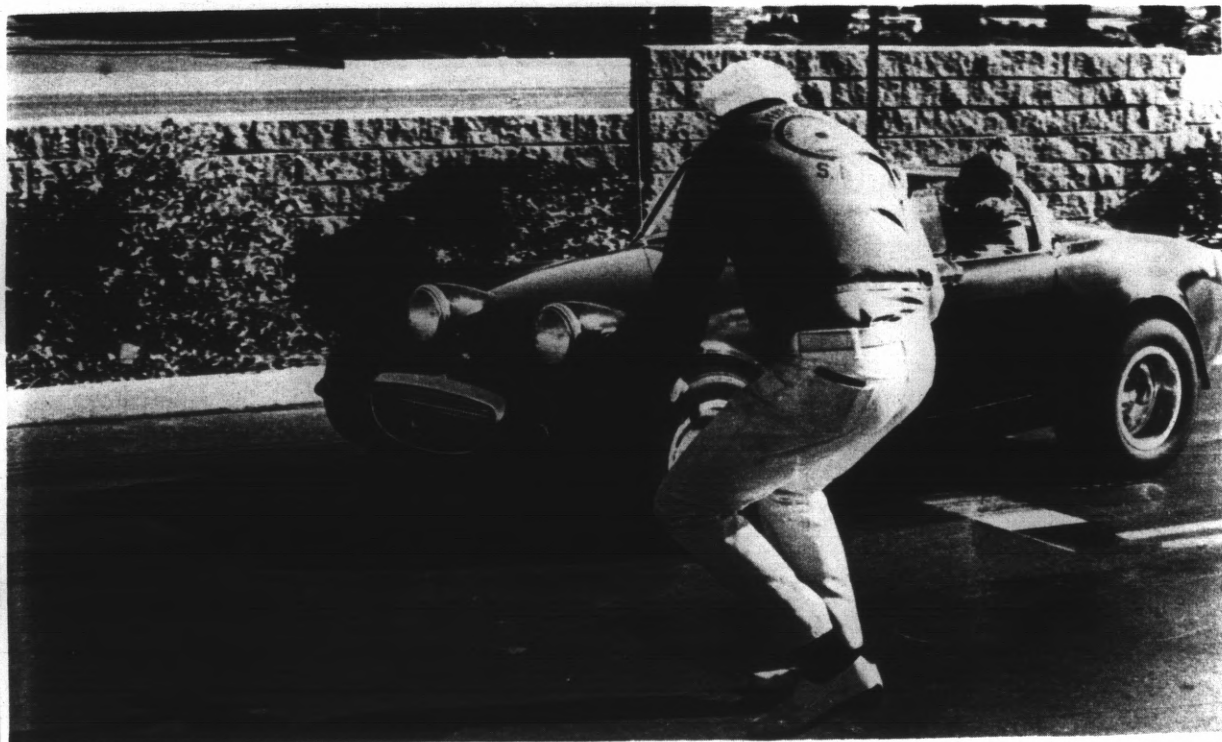
Judy Ross, ASB Senator replied, "That's the way it always goes. can't see any other solution."

This vandalism stirring up brings to mind the new student center that is now in the planning process and what might happen when that is set up.



LONELY LOUNGER -- Where once the sounds of pool cues, pinball machines and mingling students used to flow daily, there is now simply an empty room of silence. The usually crowded Student Lounge is now closed down due to continued vandalism. The room is slated for use during spring registration and is to be re-opened next semester on a trial basis. If damage continues, the facility is likely to be closed permanently.

(photo by Jerry Barrett)



(photo by Jose Herrera)

SPEED TEST -- Mike Sprag's Austin-Healy Sprite, often called "Bugeyes" in car circles, crosses the finish line of a track marked out on the SAC parking lot by the High Performance Club for members to clock their cars. Club advisor Dave Whitcomb punches the stopwatch for Sprag's time

of 1:26. Ranging from Porches to a Datsun 260-Z to Volkswagens and a Datsun pickup, some 14 cars had rounded the track five times each. The best time of the day, 1:22, came from a Porsche.

Controversial petition ok'd for Master Circle students

by Brian Bergsetter

The RSCCD Board of Trustees responded to a petition of local homeowners in approving the transfer of the area from the RSCCD to the Coast Community College District at the trustee meeting last Monday night.

The Master Circle Area is a 49-home tract just north of the Santa Ana Country Club, bordered by the Santa Ana Freeway and the industrial section of Costa Mesa. Bob Smith, resident of the area, described it as "an island of people in the middle of an area of non-people."

Smith argued for the deannexation with the support of approximately 15 other homeowners who attended the meeting.

Two reasons for the transfer according to Smith are convenience and safety. SAC is six and a half miles away from the area and Orange Coast College is only one mile away. He also stated the main road to SAC via Bristol is more hazardous than the mile to OCC.

Smith's major argument for the transfer was that Master Circle was the only area in Costa Mesa

which does not belong to CCCD.

He summarized the group's feeling with the statement, "We would like to be where we belong."

The petition created some controversy since the transfer will result in loss of revenue to the district. Ernest Norton, vice president of Fiscal Affairs, stated that had the transfer been made in 1975-1976, RSCCD would have lost \$3,375.

Hector Godinez, trustee member, argued against the proposal, saying that the deannexation might cause a precedent and other RSCCD boundary areas might ask to transfer to other districts.

Carol Enos, president of the Trustees refuted the Godinez statement. She stated she felt the situation was unique, saying this may not happen again in the next 50 years.

John Dowden, trustee, asked why the students did not apply for inter-district permits in order to attend OCC.

Smith replied that it was difficult to obtain such permits unless students were taking classes not offered at SAC.

BOG recommends added costs for taking recreational courses

by Terry Costlow and John Lee

SAC students might face the prospect of paying an increased enrollment fee for "recreational courses" if the Community College State Board of Governors' recommendation is made into law.

The recommendations would effect SAC and California's 100 other community colleges. The system's Board of Governors hopes to work out the details so that a proposal can be sent to the State Legislature before the 1976-77 school year begins.

"We must move in the most appropriate way we can to deal with the hard problems of limited state funds," said State Chancellor Sidney W. Brossman.

SAC President John E. Johnson reaffirmed that the basic purpose of a community college is to provide education in solid academic subjects.

Of the "recreational courses" Johnson said, "if you want the icing on the cake, somebody has to buy the icing."

According to Johnson, SAC already charges a \$5 fee for classes of this nature. Fees are set by local community college trustees but the Board's proposal could request or allow for higher fees.

No criteria has yet been specified as to what constitutes a "recreational course," but Governor Brown has asked for the removal of such courses as yoga and macrame from the community college and adult education curricula.

A five percent lid on annual growth of state funding was established by the legislature last fall, forcing some community colleges to dip into reserve funds because of larger increases in enrollment.

According to Johnson the ceiling was specified to cover a period of one year and it is uncertain whether it will be continued into future years.

Johnson brought up the possibility of low mandatory registration or student fees arising in years to come as a means to cover costs.

The state currently pays about 44 percent of community college costs, while local taxpayers cover the remaining 56 percent of the budget.

Campus News Briefs

New noon concert schedule worked out

The location and noise problems of the amphitheater noon concert program have been resolved according to Student Activities Director Don McCain.

McCain worked closely with several SAC deans to arrive at a concert schedule that will interfere with as few classes as possible in nearby Phillips Hall.

Concerts will be every other week; Friday at 1 p.m. alternates with Thursday at 12:30. McCain plans to diversify the program to include soul, bluegrass, folk, country-western, dixieland and mariachi music along with the hard-rock that has been predominant.

ICC seeks contribution increases

According to Richard West, campus representative for the LDS club which is coordinating the ICC Christamas food and toy drive, the turnout of donations has been poor.

The drive ends today, the last school day before vacation. "We would appreciate the support of everyone on campus," said West. "Please help. Today is the last day."

Experimental Calendar proposal dropped

The Experimental Calendar proposal for 1976-1977 was tabled by the Board of Trustees. Hank Waibel, faculty advisor pointed out numerous disadvantages of the new system, including expansion of faculty teaching load, elimination of the benefits to students of the slower learning pace, obligation to teach summer session to fulfill contracts by some instructors, and reduction in potential summer pay.

Board objects to student representative

RSCCD Board of Trustees objected to the student representative on the board. The trustees felt the only method to receive a seat on the board is by elections in trustee areas. However, the board encourages students to attend the meetings so that the trustees can receive advise and student input.

Summer job library catalogues available

Two new catalogues of summer jobs are available at the Reserve Book Desk in the Library. The **Directory of Overseas Summer Jobs** lists some 50,000 positions around the world while the **Summer Employment Directory of the United States** lists 90,000 at home.

MECHA to sponsor Mexican folk dance

MECHA will sponsor a demonstration of Mexican folk dance Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. and on Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. Relampago del Cielo Ballet Folklorico de Santa Ana will be the featured artists. admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

All students may soon be able to vote

ASSAC plans to vote on a bill to allow all students to vote in student body elections. Current by-laws specify that only ASB card holders are allowed to vote or run in elections.

Davis technologist to speak on campus

Dr. George York, extension food technologist from UC Davis, will speak in Phillips Hall Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 11 p.m. on the wide subject of food. The program is sponsored by the A.S.B., Family and Consumer Studies and the P.E. Dept.

Board seeks more information on firm

The RSCCD Board of Trustees has asked for more information to enter an agreement with the National Account Adjusters, a firm dealing in services for the collection of delinquent national direct student loans accounts. Currently RSCCD has approximately \$70,000 past due.

Students may attend neighbor college

Students residing in the portion of the Garden Grove Unified School District which has been annexed to RSCCD and who have completed 12 units or more at a neighboring community college during the Spring semester 1975-1976 may file an application for a permit to continue attendance at that college

Campus Calendar

The Christmas Candlelight Concert will be held tonight at 6:45 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Church . . .

SAC artists will hold a Christmas sale of pots, drawings, prints and photos today from 9-4 p.m. in the Art Gallery . . .

The Ballet Pacifica will present **The Nutcracker** in Phillips Hall on Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. . . .

The SAC Evening Chorus and College Choir will present a concert of Christmas music tonight in Phillips Hall at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free . . .

Deadline to mail in early registration is Jan. 16, 1976. Class schedules are available at Admissions . . .

Phillips Hall will be the sight of the last Mohammad Ali Joe Frazier fight sponsored by the SAC Black Student Union (BSU) on Tuesday Dec. 30, 1975 at 7 p.m.

ASB executive branch calls for new full-year presidential term

by Michelle Cabral

Indecision continues over the issue of a one year versus a semester term ASB president.

If approved by the senate and student body, a senate bill would call for the inactment of a full year president instead of the present semester term of office.

"The bill is not through the senate," said Fred Saldana, incoming ASB vice president. "They tabled it because they felt it was too controversial."

The senate's discussion on the issue is planned to resume after Christmas vacation. Backers of the concept are considering putting the issue to the student voters as a ballot initiative.

Saldana noted that several hundred signatures will be needed to get the initiative on the spring ballot for the student's vote.

"We're the only school I know of that doesn't have a president for a full year term," said Don McCain, director of Student Activities.

He pointed out some pros and cons of the bill. On the bill's side is its ability to give "continuity to the program."

"It allows enough time for a president to do a job," McCain added.

A con for the initiative is that the job becomes twice as long, he observed.

"It requires a great deal of time on the president's part and he's got to be willing to spend the time," said McCain.

In favor of the bill, ASB President Lanny Busher said, "It give the president a little bit of control. Its really hard to function on a semester basis."

ASB Senator Brien Dodd is opposed to the measure. "The problem is (that) we've had bad presidents before," he said "and if they're in there for two semesters it just prolongs the problem."

"If they're good," added Dodd, "they should be able to get re-elected anyway."

If the president should prove to be incompetent, Busher, McCain and Saldana cited impeachment as a remedy that could be used by the senate.

"I'm against it (the bill)," said Senator Denise Vitelli. "They (the senate) don't know

what they're getting into." According to Vitelli, the semester term of office for president serves as a "check and balance" in student government.

"It also gives more people the chance, the experience to be president."

In refuting the senate's prerogative to impeach a neglectful president, she noted that student factions in government tend toward partiality on the side of the president, which results in "cliques."



(photo by Jerry Barret)

LIFESAVING BOX -- This is the most advanced first aid kit in the state of California, according to Thomas Trawick, head of Security and Safety here at SAC. This experimental kit was designed by Trawick and a First Aid Committee from the Student Health Center. In preparation for any emergency, the box contains oxygen, stethoscope and cold packs along with standard first aid equipment.

Council passes pornography bill in attempt to close local theaters

With little fanfare, the Santa Ana City Council has passed an anti-pornography ordinance in an attempt to close two theaters in Santa Ana.

The Mitchell Brother's Theater in Honer Plaza, the site of SAC administration disapproval and citizen picketing, will be affected by the new bill.

In contrast to a meeting two months ago, only three persons showed up as the bill was passed. In the previous meeting on the issue, about 100 persons crowded into the council chambers.

At that time, a letter from SAC President John E. Johnson stating that the theater would have "a detrimental and negative impact on . . . the college" was read. The letter was written at the request of the RSCCD Board of Trustees.

Other letters, a petition and picketing of the theater led to

the enactment of the bill, which has its basis on the new Supreme court "community standards" rulings.

Under this ordinance, a person could complain if he felt a film was lewd. The police would then view the film to see if it was in fact "lewd." Then

the film would be confiscated if it was deemed "lewd." Once condemned as a public nuisance, the adult theater would be abated in the same manner as an abandoned gas station.

The ordinance will be reconsidered for final passage on Jan. 5.

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No due process here for parking violators

"Due process of law" is the cornerstone of the American judicial system. Without the concept of the accused person being allowed to present an explanation to the unbiased jury of peers, justice would be a mere fallacy.

That fallacy is alive and well at Santa Ana College. It has been approved administratively for many years, and el DON believes it is time to reverse this denial of basic civil liberties on this campus.

The argument stems from the fact that persons accused of violating traffic and parking "laws" at SAC are denied their right to due process. Instead of being judged by a jury of peers as stipulated in the U.S. Constitution, SAC students are only given a chance to contend a ticket with the Dean of Security.

Ostensibly, they also have the right to appeal his decision to the Board of Trustees. But, pragmatically, we recognize that the Dean of Security is the only viable source of appeal. This situation is like arguing for dismissal of a regular citation to the Chief of Police in the city of issuance.

Few people bother to appeal the tickets because of the low fines attached which range from \$1 to \$5. It's easier simply to pay the couple of bucks and get it over with than to hassle the issue for a long period of time up to the Board of Trustees.

el DON concedes the fact that many of the tickets are issued for valid violations and the offender should be compelled to pay. However, we also recognize that a large number of the alleged violations can be directly attributable to inadequate facilities provided for student drivers on this campus.

It is the responsibility of the administration for this obvious and by now redundant statement that there are simply not enough parking spaces on campus during peak attendance times. But the administration continues to grossly over-sell parking permits with the rationalization that not all students park here at the same time of day.

But those students who have purchased a permit deserve to park on campus in any available corner of the lot. el DON contends that the violations called "Parking in an Improper Manner" and "Parking in an Unauthorized Area" should be curtailed immediately until the administration can fully justify their existence in light of present circumstances.

el DON also observes that two class-action lawsuits could conceivably be filed against the RSCCD on the basis of discrimination and denial of due process. Without delving deeply into legal technicalities which we are not qualified to stipulate, it would seem that such litigation could be successful for all students who have paid a fine since the inception of the RSCCD.

The discrimination suit could be based on the fact that the vast majority of the "improper manner" tickets are issued to students during the peak hours of attendance, early morning and night school. This is discriminatory because it limits those who usually receive them.

The denial of due process litigation could be based simply on the fact that there is currently no objective, neutral party who rules on the validity of the tickets, much less a jury of peers. If such a suit were ever filed, it would probably be successful and could result in a substantial retroactive loss in revenue for the college. el DON suggests that this technically unconstitutional situation be investigated by the administration before any serious repercussions result.

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Faculty forum

Excuses--it could be worse

"Excuses are like noses, everyone has one."
 (Please pardon the use of this old adage).

by Terry Bales

With Christmas Vacation looming like a tranquil oasis in the desert of academic despair (if you'll forgive the cliché), it is time once again for the student to collect his breath and to think up some logical new excuses as to why he won't have his assignments in before semester's end.

Actually most learned SAC scholars have been engaged in practicing the ancient and subtle art of providing gullible instructors with "extenuating circumstances" since the first day of school. Shoveling the rhetorical bull seems to be the favorite past-time of the mall squatters who are so busy conjuring up excuses as to why they missed the last class, that they often are too late to attend today's boffo lecture too.

The paranoia begins with this typical scenario back on that day in September when, after fighting for space in the overcrowded parking lot, the student arrives to hear his teacher utter in the tone of a disgruntled Nazi, "You vil turn in all assignments on time and you vil not miss more than six days of class."

Oh wow! Every right-thinking student knows that anything is better than spending a semester-long sentence cooped up like guinea pigs in a blank-walled classroom. Even an appendectomy is preferable to old hot-wind, the professor.

Going to class and turning in those god-awful assignments interfere too much with a scholar's social life -- isn't that why they came to SAC in the first place? Certainly not to think.

But contrary to popular belief, a lot of time is spent by these bright students in flexing their grey matter.

From the Editor's desk

X-mas phobia strikes

by Neal P. Carroll

There is an unusual and little-known neurotic reaction associated with Christmas known as Santa Claus-trophobia. This syndrome strikes nearly all persons over the age of six, and is especially prevalent in adults. It is characterized by a firm reluctance to recognize the existence of Santa Claus. While not serious in itself, if not diagnosed in time it could lead to chronic dormancy of the imagination.

And this would be an irreparable loss to the individual. For imagination is the source of all the unique idiosyncrasies which create the human spirit. Without imagination a void remains, a void of pure logic.

Adults in our culture cannot allow themselves to believe in such childish fantasies as Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny. So they must compensate for these socially-unacceptable imaginings by creating highly sophisticated daydreams.

Opinion

Shopper's spirit-- bah humbug

by Rosemary Mathis

Do you realize there are only six more shopping days left. That's right, gang, Christmas is next Thursday. For those of you who are the annual late Santas, your time is running out.

And I should know. I have to wait on you from the minute you park your reindeer in the lot until you carry out your bag of holiday cheer.

I am a salesperson. And being a salesperson puts me in the position of seeing society at its worst and best Christmas spirit.

And what is a shopper's Christmas spirit? It's a little boy trying to feed a mannequin his popcorn . . .

a woman caught without her charge card . . . being caught under the mistletoe by the wrong guy after you carefully put the sprig under the sales sign . . .



Here is just a sample of the excuses this journalism/mass media instructor has gathered lately for not attending class or missing an assignment. (I hope my students will exonerate me for a breach of faith in ruining these prize justifications for future use in other courses).

Besides the usual spate of incurable illnesses that would test the medical knowledge of Marcus Welby, one of my favorites is always, "Sorry but I had to appear in court today." This has been used so often that I have begun to feel I am harboring more fugitives in my classroom than were convicted in the Watergate caper.

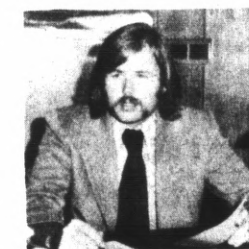
Blaming the parking situation works okay for the first three weeks of each semester, but "I couldn't find a parking place" doesn't go over well when the eagle-eyed instructor spotted that same ecology-minded student walking a block away from school just 10 minutes before class.

The best driver's excuse so far came from one student who earnestly deadpanned the immortal words "I missed the freeway off ramp" as his reason for not turning around until he had his car and surfboard safely planted at Laguna Beach.

Another pupil who seldom makes morning classes offered, "My alarm clock didn't turn over and wake me up. She's not too dependable."

But the real topper came when one sincere youth uttered the sob story that he had been evicted from his apartment, had got laid off from his job, and had his clothes stolen out of his girl's laundry room as his reason for taking off a week to recuperate after mid-terms.

As the semester wanes, the apologies pile up like leaves in autumn, but a smart instructor won't brush them off with a simple "I don't want to hear about it." Who knows when the editorial editor of the el DON might come up to you at the eleventh hour and ask for a space filler because . . . because . . . because . . .



To deny the existence of Santa Claus is relatively easy, but almost everyone is willing to hypothesize on the presumed existence of such equally hard-to-comprehend fantasies as the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot, the Abominable Snowman, UFO's, Atlantis and the Bermuda Triangle.

It seems to me that it's just as easy to believe in Santa Claus as it is to believe in legendary monsters and lost continents. In fact, Santa and his gravity-defying reindeers could be rationalized as simply another manifestation of the UFO theory.

Besides, Claus is cool. He leaves his Arctic hide-away every year just like clockwork and deposits plenty of evidence under trees where it's easy to find and photograph. And his annual migration always seems to evoke a twinge of transitory nostalgia for me. But after the childhood memories of Christmas past fade away into reality, I am left with a void to fill by watching my young son open his imagination along with his gifts.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

a lady complaining she has to walk to Customer Service for a box . . .
 a little girl crying because her candy cane is stuck to one of the newly hanging leisure suits . . .
 a smile from a grateful old lady trying to make up her mind as you unpin every size 8 shirt in the store . . .
 a Mercedes and a Monte Carlo colliding in a race to the last parking spot in the mall . . .
 A pair of twins trying to impress on you that Ebenezer Scrooge was a Pisces . . .
 an argument between two women over who was first in line at the register . . .
 and most of all, it's the silence that follows your well-wished Happy Holidays . . .
 So remember folks, there aren't too many days left (thank goodness). And like Tiny Tim always said,
 "God bless us salespersons, everyone."

Editorial

ASB Presidential term scrutinized

The term of office for ASSAC's president is now one semester long. This period of service has recently been reviewed by senators of our student government.

Now a new proposal for a longer term of office has been introduced. Comments on this proposition range from approval by ASB President Lanny Busher that "it gives the president a little bit of control" to the disapproval of Senator Denise Vitelli who states that the present one semester term serves to "check and balance" student government.

This campus is set up on the semester type schedule. Students, teachers and administrators adjust their own time to this system when they attend or work for a school that is operating on this basis.

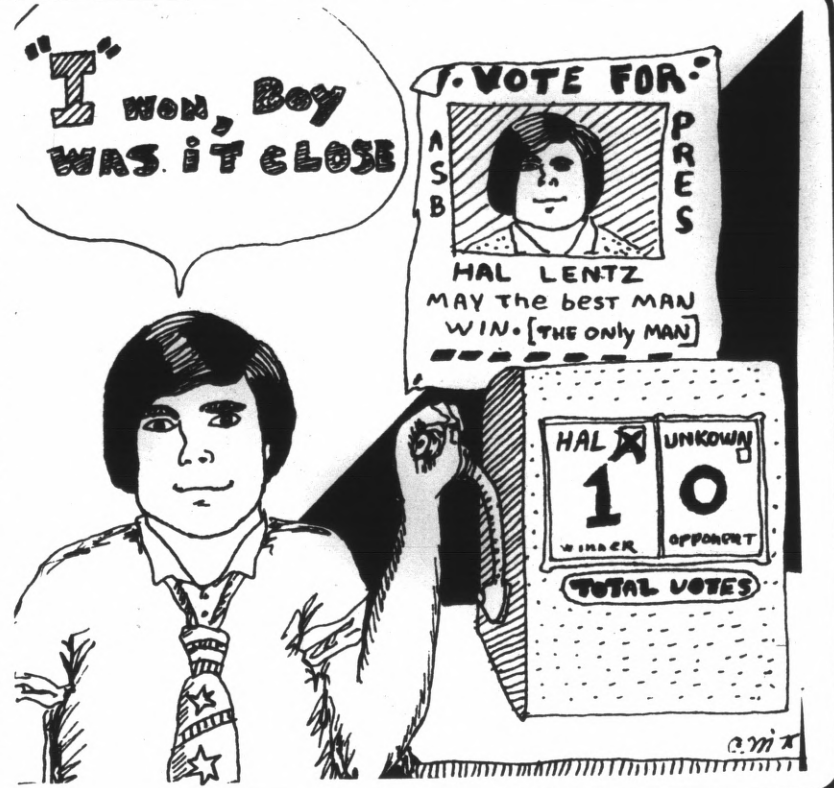
Although a one-year term may enable the ASB president to function a bit better as a leader, el DON feels that an extension of the present term

would not only set up the means for an unscrupulous president to establish his own 'dynasty,' but it would also deprive incoming students or transfer students from their chance at a mid-year election to this position in student government.

Being a stick-in-the-mud isn't el DON's idea of how to write an editorial. But, when an issue like this arises that somewhat reflects the image of our country's political situation where an appointed understudy suddenly takes control without the approval of the people, we have to speak out.

Five years ago the ASB presidential term was a full year but since that time it has been changed to the present one semester.

el DON suggests that the term for ASSAC's leader remain this way and that the student government work toward improvement instead of putting themselves in reverse to end up back where they were in the sixties.



Commentary

Growth may cut funds

by Brian Bergsetter

Can SAC afford to handle more students than it has at the present time?

"Of course it can!" exclaim the people in the district, "Community colleges must continue to grow to meet the educational needs of the community. These colleges help students who transfer to universities or instruct them in vocational skills. SAC is now in the midst of a development program to help provide more acreage for expanding needs. The college will always continue to grow."

Maybe not.

When Governor Jerry Brown approved the 1975-76 state budget, a five percent cap was placed on Average Daily Attendance (ADA) growth for community college districts. Thus no state aid could be given for enrollment past the five percent growth mark.

SAC reached this mark at the end of the 1975-76 summer school year and has continued to have 10 to 15 percent ADA growth. Although at first glance, the lost money may seem a mere pittance, the cap has resulted in an estimated loss to the district of \$400,000 to \$500,000 in state money.

If Brown keeps the cap on the 1976-1977 budget or tightens it, changes will have to occur.

Dr. John E. Johnson, president of SAC, stated that some services may be cut, although there has been no decision as to which services will have to go.

According to Johnson, SAC already charges a \$5 fee for classes of this nature. The Board's proposal could raise, allow or impose a higher fee for all community colleges.

Perhaps the most disturbing change could be curtailment of enrollment and/or limiting the size of classes. This could force students to sit out a semester. Although this may sound farfetched, other districts with the same problem are finding this a possible solution.

"Curtailling enrollment would threaten the purpose of SAC," Ernest Norton, vice president of Fiscal Affairs says. He points out the whole idea of a community college is to meet the educational needs of the whole community.

"It will be like getting on a bus only to find there are no seats left."

Dr. Johnson envisions that those just finishing high school may be turned away. "As a community college we have a responsibility to provide educational experience for those beyond high school age," he stated.

"The affect of the governors cap on the budget will make the community college situation like getting on a bus only to find there are no seats left and you must leave," said Johnson.

Enrollment curtailment will not be necessary if district taxes are raised. RSCCD now has the lowest tax rate in the county. Although taxpayers may be disgruntled, it may be necessary to uphold the excellence of education at SAC. The Board of Trustees will have to make the decision if the problem arises. Hopefully, they will see a tax increase as the best solution.

Besides, I want to keep a seat on the bus.

No home, job, or clothes when it all goes at once

by Terry Costlow

When we decided to move, over two months ago, we never thought that the idea would still haunt us.

The dilemma began in the beginning of October, when I gave our landlord 30-day moving notice. Easy enough.

After two different apartment companies took our deposits and illegally returned them, our 30-day notice was up. The landlord (who used to be in the Hitler Youth Corp) stopped by to inform me "be out by noon tomorrow, the next people are moving in at 2 p.m. If not, you will lose your \$100 deposit."

So this is how I'm going to spend Halloween. Luckily, a friend came by while I was at work, and calmed my mind a bit. Calmed me so much that he dropped me off at seven the next morning, hung over as hell. Five hours to move, and no place to go.

Luckily, Mein Kapitan lined up an apartment we could move into. This beautiful place looked like Paul Bunyan had forgotten to let his pet ox Babe out for his daily stroll.

My friend and I threw everything into this apartment, and work began to look like a beautiful place on Sunday. Until the boss addressed me by name. Oh no, more trouble.

I was laid off.

"But you said I wouldn't get laid off until the end of the month," I argued.

"Sorry."

Well, he didn't say which end.

That night, my girlfriend decided to wash some new white sheets. I asked her to wash my dirty shirts and put my socks in with these linens. After all, you can't waste 50 cents just because they're new.

So I went to get them out of the dryer. What a sight. Somebody left us one Mickey Mouse sock. Nothing else, just one Mickey Mouse sock.

"I hope the +%&*@ has a nervous breakdown trying to buy one Mickey Mouse sock," I raved.

After a week in the ox yard, we found a real house.

It was neat, the phone, lights and gas were still connected. Getting someone else's calls and bills was fun for a while, until the lady at the nursery next door told that the FBI had been

looking for the ex-tenants. We quickly got everything changed over to our names.

So things finally began to get settled. No more hassles. Fantastic. Living in a house with no heat could be bearable. Cheap, too.

Ha, don't forget the Edison Company, they're always there to help. I came home one day last week to find a note from them explaining that they had shut the lights off for the other people who had lived there. "Poor Edison, they're out \$58," I thought. "The poor devils."

Hmmmm, my stereo didn't work. Wow, no lights either. Those Bozos, they shut off our lights.

They had lost the deposit money. Luckily, we had the deposit receipt, so six hours later they turned our juice back on.

And I thought I had good Karma. I didn't vote for Nixon. I eat apple pie. I even wear underwear.

I already know what's going to happen next, we've got a waterbed upstairs. Glub, glub.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the concerted effort on credit by exam. I was just about to challenge Eng. 101, but now I see that it would be a waste of time. I only scored in the 81st percentile on the CLEP English test. You have obviously saved me a lot of work. I would like to pose a question though, I have gotten the impression that English 101 was intended to equip the students to express themselves in other courses. Why do the powers that be require that one be a veritable master, as evidenced by the need to be qualified above the 89th percentile, to pass the credit exam? I suspect an ego trip. The English department thinks that they are so valuable that no one save an expert should be allowed to escape their diamond encrusted dissertations. If I have to write one more theme about what I did during summer vacation, I'm going to burn the course syllabus in the free speech area.

Please withhold my name, I still have to take the course.

Anonymous

Commentary

Old city was nostalgic

by Jan Barrett

Looking across this sprawling metropolis it occurs to me that not too many moons ago the constant traffic jam at Sunflower and Bristol, especially at this "joyous" time of year was nonexistent. In fact less than 10 years ago there was no such animal as Sunflower and Bristol.

The end of civilization was at Warner and Bristol where Market Basket still stands today. Once you ventured past this "landmark" you were on your own. If you were looking for a nice scenic route for a Sunday afternoon drive when gasoline was 36 cents a gallon, you could drive out Bristol past bean fields and more bean fields and possibly some tomatoes or strawberries until you crossed Veterans Highway which took you to that quiet secluded little beach known as Corona Del Mar. What you passed along the route were crops, not South Coast Plaza and endless pretzel-like freeways. Honer Plaza was the hub and height of shopping where modern shopping was a lark.

Heading back from the beach, right before Mac Arthur crosses Main, there was a sign declaring you had entered Santa Ana. About five miles later

there was (and still is) another sign telling you Santa Ana was three miles to the right down Main Street. Just imagine no Newport Freeway. In those days there was a difference between the city limits and The City.

In the 'old days' downtown Santa Ana held the one and only J.C. Penneys in this area. Sears and Roebucks and places like Vandermaats were there until the 'master plan' hit and everything downtown was either moved out or renamed.

It used to be that Santa Ana Blvd. was Fourth Street. And this was the track of the now extinct "street car" that traveled from Los Angeles to Santa Ana. Nearly all that remains is the trestle it used near Fairview and Civic Center Drive.

Orange County sure has spread far and wide attracting people to come West, young man, come West. Dreamers hope to find that golden opportunity. Others hope to get away from "the big city."

As for me, I'm still wondering what ever happened to that candy store that was on MacFadden and Sullivan.

Student poet's contest

by Michel Scarane

FOOLISH WHIZZERS

It wizzed through the air
speed making it unaware to
the eye.

Passing

a tree branch.
clouds puffed up in the sky.
molecules of dust sucking them
along with it.
through a leaf.
a moment of soon to be
forgotten time.

Does it glitter as it spins?
Does it spin?
Has any man seen it at work?

Forcing

it's way by.
the air to make way.
sound waves into deaf ears.
a decision.

Hitting

a heart.
the hearts of a nation.
the heart of a lover.
home.

Unh.

Blood Surprise.
Heat triggers the sudden
realization.

childhood memories replayed.
Triumphs, failures, hopes,
dreams/gone over.

Energy ebbing.
The future spilling onto the grass.
Turning dark red
then black.

Strange after all these years
to end up as food for the flies.

This Creative Writing Page represents original poetry submitted by many SAC students for the el DON contest. The manuscripts were objectively judged by the el DON editorial staff and some of the best are printed here. The copy submitted by the authors is now available for claiming in the el DON office.



by Marjorie Harrington

JOY

News item: Tibet. Under the Communist regime, every Tibetan of child-bearing age must produce at least one Chinese citizen.

Today, my fifteenth birthday, my first son
broke from my body.
My mother feeds him at her breast till my milk comes.

See, he is beautiful! One day I'll watch him
running in the nursery compound.
His feet will be my prayer flags
flying again in the wind --

Though the wheels my father spun in constant water
rot away
And my mother weeps.

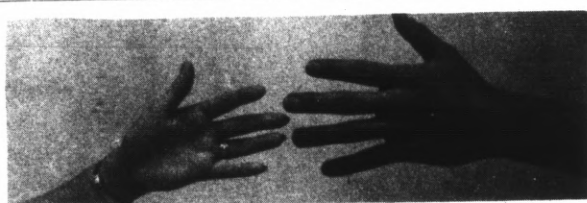
Today a son was born to this unworthy one!
OM MANI PADME HUM
OM MANI PADME . . .

by Hugh Moore Smith

UGLY/BEAUTIFUL

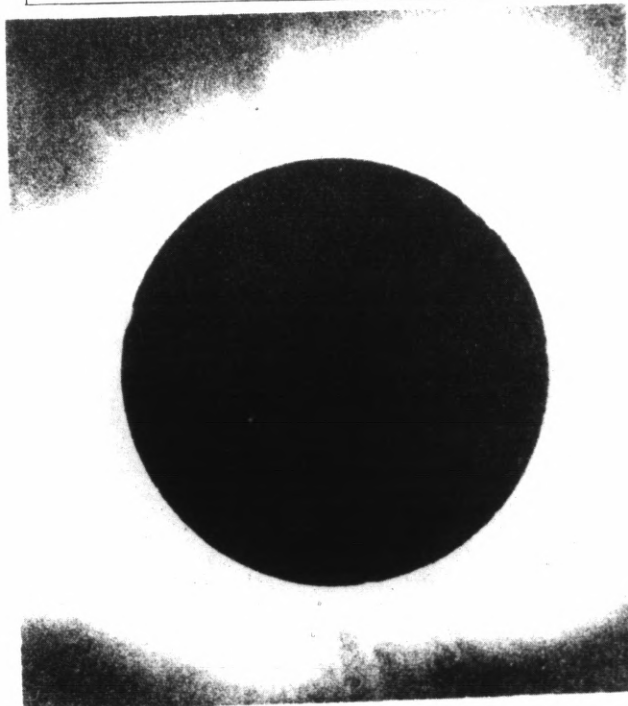
What I now may see as ugly most likely would be beautiful --
If I would clean the dirt off the window of my mind.

I used to feel so ugly.
Most others seemed so too.
But the more I get acquainted with myself,
The less ugly I become.
And the more I can see
The beauty in others.



by Vicki Crook

You know me not,
yet my concerns are of your life alone . . .
I've touched your smile only through my dreams
and felt your warmth only through my love . . .
Listen to the echoes of my life;
See the shadows of my world;
Touch my hand . . .



by Charles E. Bomgren

STARS IN A SPRAY

Stars in a spray, yet single suns of brilliance,
Do each of you hold worlds, as does our sun,
And grip them in the vortex of your power,
Lost to our vision, close against each light? . . .

Stars of the constellations, crisp and distant,
Which of you now shall be my choice to shine
At close proximity, a blinding circle,
Huge in some planet's sky, that planet's sun?

Shall I be stunned at round Capella, streaming,
To blue an atmosphere, illumine crags?
To kindle sunset in a planet's gases?
Or shall my sun be Deneb, or Altair?

Shall Riget rise on walls of splendid cultures,
And sink below horizons of a world
That turns, as does our earth, to make its heavens
Revolve in seeming circuits of a sky?

Stars in a spray, what thinking minds are teeming.
Severed by distance, gulfed from us by time,
Disbursed in night, beyond earth's planet sisters,
Along the peopled vistas of the suns!

by Marjorie Harrington

On July 4, 2076, in Washington, D.C. a teaching machine is lecturing another machine on the history of a nearly forgotten subject: the Humanities:

As an example of 'emotion' as it was expressed in poetry, we cite the following poem written by a human in 1971:

DISTANCES

"I'm lonely," you sighed.
And your sigh was a negative echo,
the no-sound of an abandoned spaceman
walking his last mile on the moon.
And the face of the world stretched open in a vast yawn:
"Loneliness? It's a drug on the market."

"I'm hurting!" you shrieked when you could stand the pain no longer.

And the world took your shriek, with many others,
and fed it to a computer,
from whence it issued, amid whirring and clicking, as a series of symbols.

And the world scanned the issued methodically,
reduced it to microsound,
and stored it in a vault crowded with other shrieks.
There was already too much pain in the world,
and space was at a premium.

"I'm dying!" you gasped
to a world that was multiplying and divided.
And the world sent flowers and rolled over in bed.
And I rolled onto my right side
and stopped my ears with the pillow.
Because somewhere an overcrowded vault had split open,
and all the shrieks that had been filed poured out and covered the earth.

And the sound was a negative echo,
the no-sound of a dead world, and I died.

You recorded my death on a punch-card, filmed it and filed it.
In the memory of a machine I am immortal.



by Lynda Kull

People

Why don't they let me fly?
They pull me down
And cut my wings.
Have they forgotten what it is --
What it's like to soar?

I try to raise their eyes
But their stares trip me.
They see me strive to live
And hear me cry for life
Yet they take no heed.

My wings will grow again.
I will reach the heights once more.
But what of them?

People -- What has changed
To make you just things?
Have you lost the human ability
To feel that distinguishes you?

by Michael Scarane

TO YOU. AND YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

Time may come
and time may go,
slipping by us, oblivious to hopes,
and wishes,
and dreams of immortality

But, my love for you is timeless,
knows no hopes, or dreams,
or wishes.

Crushed as it is,
unspoken it will be,
eternal always,
my gift to you,
accepted or not.

Reach for it when you are in need,
consume it lavishly
for
it knows no emptiness,
no limit to what it will give

Asks for nothing, but, that;
you who cannot give it,
take of it,
for you are filled with a void.
This sad, sweet, encompassing love
will give that void some form,
make it a little bearable,
get you thru the loveless years yet coming

Remember me always
and never, never, forget;
My heart sings your lullaby,
sings your song of peace;
Someone will always love you;
. . . . me,
insignificant me.

Please, please,
Don't condemn me
For daring to be!



by John Cole

I stop to capture a moment lost
Willing it at any cost,
But as I do, I lose again
Another moment like time to sand.
Although remembering will go on
I think it best be gone,
For in the memory of its loss
Too great the price, too great the cost.

Bethlehem star shines in yuletide production

by Michelle Cabral

A mystery continues to exist within the realm of astronomy, namely whether the Star of Bethlehem is fact or fiction.

In the presentation of "A Star in the 'East'" at Tessman Planetarium this week, astronomy instructor Steve Eastmond with the help of his assistants John Goerger and Lisa Elgin, examined the theories which explain the possible appearance of the Star of Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth.

Today scientists give various theories for its existence on that famous night.

In Eastmond's words, "We deal with the real, the physical thing in the sky."

The visitors to the presentation at Tessman were taken on an unusual trip. "We create an illusion," said Goerger a student unhesitant about sharing his knowledge. "We try to see if we can give a scientific view of what the Star of Bethlehem was," he added while busy preparing projectors, turning knobs and scrutinizing lenses.

Inside the planetarium, Eastmond begins the exploration with the gleeful sound of a chorus singing Christmas carols through a stereophonic tape recorder.

With precision, he works his master controls and projectors to take the audience back in time. The lights are turned down so that shimmering dots designating stars spot the pitch blackness of the planetarium's dome shaped ceiling.

In all directions signs of the Zodiac such as Pisces and Taurus appear in multi-colors of flaming orange, yellow, purple and other combinations.

Around 6 to 7 B.C., explained Goerger, a configuration of planets Saturn, Mars and Jupiter appeared in the sky for about three to four days.

Like their Persian contemporaries, the three wisemen, known as the Magi, were believers in astrology. They followed the constellation of Pisces which lay on the western area of the sky.

Thus, when they looked westward and saw the illumination created by the three planets they possibly took this as an omen to heed.

One sketchy theory claims that supernatural forces explain the mysterious light's occurrence.



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SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC -- Astrology's significance to the Christmas Star was explored in the presentation of "Star in the 'East'" last Thursday in Tessman Planetarium.

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members prepare for their clubs project. Christmas tree donated by BSU to the Los Ninos Day Care Center. Concert Choir from Portola Jr. High carol in the amphitheater.

'Many Moods of Christmas' marks SAC instructors debut

by Cindy Ault

To help you celebrate the spirit of the coming holidays, the SAC College Choir and Evening Chorus will be presenting a College/Community concert on Friday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. in Phillips Hall.

The program is titled **The Many Moods of Christmas** and it will be performed by the singers, who will be accompanied by a full orchestra under the direction of SAC Music Instructor Larry K. Ball.

"The concert," explained Ball "is a symphonic suite in four movements with orchestrations by Robert Russell Bennett and vocal choral arrangements by Robert Shaw. It takes old familiar Christmas carols and presents them in a fresh new way."

"It will open," he said "with a brilliant fanfare of brass by American Contemporary Composer Aaron Copland, titled **Fanfare for the Common Man**. The 45-piece orchestra will then accompany the singers through 18 carols, including such favorites as "Silent Night," "Joy to the World," "O Come, All Ye

bachelor and masters degree in music and currently is completing his doctorate as U.S.C., the concert will mark his debut as a SAC faculty conductor. For the past 10 years he has been on the staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange where he developed a multiple choir program of 15 choirs involving nearly 500 young people and adults.

According to Ball, "The

unique feature of the choir is the fact that the bulk of the 100 singers participating in the evening chorus and college choir aren't music majors, but are

students that are just interested in music and singing. "I'm really impressed with the enthusiasm and high degree of personal dedication the SAC students have brought to the college choir and evening chorus classes."

Oriental rug and comic book shows open in local galleries

by Neal P. Carroll

Two local art galleries are currently displaying wide-ranging shows which exhibit the great diversity in artistic expression over the centuries. Bower's Museum in Santa Ana has an incredible collection of Oriental rugs on display, and the Mill's House in Garden Grove is presenting a unique grouping of Salvador Dali prints, comic books and magazine cover art.

The Bower's show is comprised of 60 original Oriental rugs from China, Turkey, Persia, central Asia and the Caucasus Mountains region. They are on loan through February from the Eiland Collection.

The hand-woven rugs date mostly from the 18th and 19th Centuries, but contain the same individualistic concentration on color and design as the ancient rugs. The weaver's art is a complex process which combined some of man's most intimate needs -- physical warmth and shelter, creative expression, religious and cultural affiliations, and the family's tribal status.

The Bower's Museum presents all of these elements from many diverse geographical and societal directions and juxtaposes them in a rather stunning combination of color, vibrancy and geometric pattern. This show is definitely worth seeing.

Another show which is worth a trip off the freeway is at the Mill's House gallery in Euclid Park.

Original prints by Salvador Dali for the book **Alice in Wonderland** are at their surrealistic best. About 20 prints are displayed along with the text from the book, which presents an interesting balance to the daubs and dashes of color employed by Dali.

In the next room is a showing of magazine cover art published by the **Westways Magazine** over the last 30 years. Interesting paper collages and three-dimensional constructions form the basis of this publications award-winning approach to cover artwork.

The third room of the gallery is like walking into a huge drugstore magazine stand. The walls are completely covered with comic books which jump out at you with a colorful combination of super-heros trouncing their opponents. The display evokes childhood memories of rainy afternoons at the bookstand perusing the latest 10 cent escapism.

Cheap thrills were collected behind an amazing assortment of complex graphic art which were unappreciated as a child. Superman, Batman, The Hulk, Aquaman, the Fantastic Four, Spiderman and all the rest are depicted in a dynamic manner combining primary colors and perspective graphics which literally jump off the page at the reader.

Both of these local showings are well worth the effort of getting away from the television set on the weekend. They are both city-subsidized galleries, and do not charge admission for viewing.



Faithful" and will close the program with "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly."

For Ball, who has both a

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Don Hansen



On the field athletes excel, but studying is the problem

Some individuals competing in the sports program at SAC seem to be athletes and not student-athletes as they should be!

Community Colleges across the country seem to have one thing in common -- athletic apathy. Many factors influence athletes lives. The majority of sports participants all hold jobs, either part-time or full-time employment. A lot of the students are married and some have started families. Since most of the people attending SAC belong to the younger generation, social life also interferes with studying.

Requirements for eligibility are 12 units of any subject with a passing grade of D or better for a freshman. A sophomore must

"We tend to get the border-line student-athletes"

complete 24 units and be currently enrolled in 12 units of study.

Fall sports seem to be no problem for freshmen since they are right out of high school. The spring semester is another story because freshmen might be ruled ineligible due to poor fall semester grades and never become sophomores.

The poor recruiting area also contributes to the student-athlete problem. The good student-athlete just doesn't see any academic future at SAC.

"We tend not to get the good student-athletes," stated Cross Country and Track Coach Howard Brubaker. "We tend to get the border-line student-athletes."

Two of the top Don harrier's were declared ineligible due to poor grades this semester. Their

"They didn't go to class and when they did they neglected to do the required classwork"

absence influenced the SAC cross country program tremendously.

Another example is a sprinter from last year's track team who was also ruled ineligible. He won four of five SCC dual 100-yard

aces and was victorious in the conference match also. His absence will probably have an adverse effect on the upcoming season.

"They didn't go to class and when they did they neglected to do the required class work,"

"It's laziness, lack of motivation and academic disinterest"

stressed Brubaker. "This has been true every year that I've been here at SAC the last 10 years."

Last year, 40 athletes turned out for the track season and nearly 50 percent were ruled ineligible by the season's conclusion.

"The last three or four years, since the end of the draft, class-room apathy has increased," related Brubaker. "It's laziness, lack of motivation and academic disinterest."

One instructor, who wished to remain anonymous commented, "Over the last couple of years, the athletes seem to have become lazier in their class work."

Not all Don coaches have the track coach's problems, but a survey of mentor's agree that they have their share of people just hanging by the skin of their teeth.

"Classroom apathy is our biggest problem," stated

Harriers host students to race faculty, alumni

The annual Charlie Clark Memorial Run, a cross-country race pitting the SAC varsity squad and its alumni, faculty and students, will take place this Sunday, Dec. 21 at Irvine Park at 10 a.m.

The Don varsity was victorious in the outing in 1972 but has come up on the short end since then. Competition is very tough as the members of the Don varsity have broke through the top seven only once since 1972.

Football Coach Dick Gorrie. "A lot of kids drop out of class and don't let the coaches know."

Water Polo and Swimming Coach Bob Gaughran commented, "Some kids drop out of classes and from that date he becomes ineligible and we must forfeit all of those games."

I'm not suggesting that all of the athletes at SAC are not studious. Rhodes scholars are far and few between, but the main objective of any college should be academic first and athletic second.

by Don Hansen
Sports Editor

While most athletic programs on the Community College level only participate within the United States, the SAC women's basketball squad hopes to go international for the second straight season.

Last year, the female hoopsters hosted the University of Mexico at Mexico City team for a week of competition in a cultural exchange through athletics. This season, our nearby neighbors have invited the Dons to be their guests.

The trip is still up in the air however as funding isn't coming easy. "Our girls are really trying," stated coach Nancy Warren. The excursion will cost approximately \$3,000, but only \$500 has been collected to date. The event will hopefully take place in the latter part of January.

Funding is being collected by a current paper drive. Ron Mills accumulated some revenue for his Guinness record of crawling 7.1 miles in five hours and 58 minutes.

The Dons concluded their schedule with three impressive victories. SAC nipped L.A. Harbor, 68-67, clipped OCC, 48-42, and whalloped Santa Monica, 62-49.

A conference record of 4-6



(photo by Mark Davis)

LEADING LADY -- Karen Hobel hits from the outside. The Don forward was the leading scorer for the female cagers this season. She hopes to lead the team to a week in Mexico City in January.

Female cagers goal of trip south of the border needs strong finish

and 7-8 overall doesn't impress many people, but there's a lot more to the story. The cagers were outnumbered and competed against much taller opponents. The squad also suffered a lot of little injuries that hindered the performance of the team.

"We had a very small team compared to other squads," related Warren. "We made up for our lack of size with hustle!"

Team members are; Karen

Hobel, Jami Tasch, Kathy Griffith, Ivonne Baca, Shirley Piper, Sandra Nunez, Della Gonzales, Susan Reimer, Elaine Smith and Judy Ross.

"The squad was very congenial," stated the Don coach. "It truly was a total team effort, both on and off the court."

Basketball develops many charistics, but fun, friendship and athletic competitiveness were acquired by the female cagers on the Don court.

Coaches honor athletes at banquet

The post-season football lineman and the most banquet was held Dec. 11 in the inspirational player.

Other Don awards went to SAC honored its athletes. Mike Joseph for outstanding Besides the 46 letters given out, back; Steve Ziemer for numerous other high awards were given.

Wide receiver Jay Craig was named Don of the Year, by both coaches and the Quarterback Hal Tucker Memorial Award; Club. Dual-recipient Don Dan Morton and Craig Hanson Alaman was named offensive

outstanding lineman; Kevin Howell for the most improved player; Bob Talafus received the Hal Tucker Memorial Award; Dan Morton and Craig Hanson were named team captains.

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JUMPER -- Barrie Elliott hits a short jump shot during last weeks game. The forward is SAC's second leading rebounder so far this season. The Don also is in third place in scoring. The hoopsters record of 5-2 is one of the best of all Community College's in Orange County to this date.

Taylor shatters SAC records, leads Dons over consecutive opponents

by Victor Cota

There's something in the Modesto Tournament that SAC's cagers are sure to see, it's called stiff competition.

Regarded by many as the top tourney in California, the Modesto Tournament normally fields up to 10 of the state's best 20 teams. Of the eight teams in the state championship playoffs last season, six played at Modesto. And two in the small schools division also competed in the 16 team tourney.

"You have to be very good to place at the Modesto Tournament because it is the best in the state," Don cager coach Rolland Todd said. "At this time I'm not too sure how good we really are. We've improved a great deal since our first game but I'm in no position to evaluate the team yet. I will have the chance to make some evaluations after the



TOP SCORER -- Blake Taylor is currently leading all cagers in scoring from Orange County. The guard is averaging 23.5 points per game. Taylor is also the third top rebounder for SAC.

tournament."

SAC opened first round last Wednesday against Merced College but results weren't available at press time.

The Dons reached the finals last year, but dropped the title game to Compton College.

Such community college basketball powers such as Long Beach City College, Cerritos College, Laney College and Compton will compete and it's very probable that the Dons will face some of them.

"You can be sure we're going to have our hands full every game we play because most of these colleges are very good year after year," the SAC mentor said.

The Don five traveled up north with a 5-2 record, the last two wins coming in back-to-back games with record setting performances by 6-0 guard, Blake Taylor. The Perth-Amboy, New Jersey freshman scored 45 points for a new single-game mark against L.A. Mission College and followed the next time out with 33 in the Citrus College contest.

The former mark broke Jim Keyes' old record of 44 set in the 1974-1975 season, and the latter combined to give the Don frosh the two-game total high of 78.

Taylor pumped in 22 points against Saddleback College before the Mission game. The two combined were good enough for the two-game mark, but Taylor's 33 against Citrus rewrote the book. The total three-game mark of 100 points gives the spectacular guard the best record in Don history.

"Blake is a very unselfish player," Todd praised. "He

"We've improved a great deal since our first game"

causes a lot of his movements with and without the ball. His hustle has really helped our fast break."

The agile frosh stirred some emotion to a poor crowd of approximately 250 with a reverse slam dunk with 2:19 remaining in the second half. Taylor sat out 10 minutes of the contest after he was tagged with his fourth foul.

SAC failed to reach the century mark for three consecutive games by eight points. The Dons scored a 92-77 victory over Citrus, tallied a 117-78 win over Mission and

"Blake is a very unselfish player"

dropped a 104-102 contest to Saddleback in the last game of the Miles Eaton Tournament at

Black succeeds Gorrie as top football coach

by Don Hansen
Sports Editor

SAC doesn't waste any time when it comes to athletics. It's only been three weeks since Dick Gorrie announced his retirement and already the Don Administration has chosen Howard Black to become the new gridiron mentor.

Black was promoted from his position of offensive line and assistant coach title. The new mentor will serve in a dual capacity as coach and counselor.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge," stated Black. "I'm

OCC.

After the Modesto Tournament the Dons travel to

"You have to be very good to place at the Modesto Tournament"

San Francisco on Dec. 26 and the Skyline Tournament. The Dons return home on Dec. 30 against Pasadena College.

very excited about the prospects of the new position."

An assistant football coach at SAC for the past two seasons, Black succeeds Dick Gorrie, who coached the Dons for 12 years and was recently promoted to the position of assistant athletic director.

Black, 39, lives in Tustin with his wife Natalye, a speech pathologist at the Newport Beach Speech and Language Clinic. They have three children, Laurie, 17, Jeffre, 15, and Brian, 13.

SAC's new mentor began his coaching career at Troy High School in Fullerton in 1965 where his team finished with a 5-4 record. From there he moved to Fullerton College where he was an assistant coach under Hal Sherbeck's Hornet staff for seven years.

Black was named head coach at Cypress College in 1973 and under his leadership directed the best record (4-4-1) of the school's history.

"In consultation with the athletic director, assistant athletic director, the board of trustees, the coaching staff and faculty members, we found we have in Howard Black one of the most qualified football coaches," stated SAC President Dr. John E. Johnson.

"Howard is very well organized," related Gorrie. "He's

a very intense individual. He'll give the college a 24 hour day if necessary. I have a lot of respect for the man."

Dr. Johnson added, "We compared him and his experience and record with more than 200 interested people across the nation and we felt we have one of the most qualified persons available right on our own staff."

Black plans to work very closely with the local high



HOWARD BLACK

schools in the district to promote the Don Football program. He also plans to develop his own coaching staff. A meeting is scheduled in early January to make the necessary changes.

Black is only the seventh man to coach the Dons since the legendary Bill Cook took over in 1927.

No Superstars, but overall team depth helps wrestlers

by Don Hansen
Sports Editor

Unlike last season's wrestling team that was dominated by superstars and state champions, this year's version of grapplers are governed by freshmen and a well-balanced squad.

"Right now we don't have any superstars," stated coach Frank Addleman. "It's possible that Don Alaman, Bob Zantos, Aron Thomas and Steve Draper could develop into state champs."

Tomorrow, the Dons will flex their muscles in the Pierce Tournament. Twenty of the top wrestling colleges in Southern California are expected to match wits on the mat. "We've got a good shot at winning the tournament," stated the Don coach.

On Dec. 10, SAC finished fourth in the annual Don tournament behind powerhouses Cerritos, Bakersfield and Lower Columbia of Washington.

Heavyweight Don Alaman led the charge with three impressive victories, leading his nomination to the All Tournament team and outstanding wrestler title.

"Donnie's just now starting to come around," said Addleman. "We're pushing his conditioning since he's lighter this season."

Bob Zantos (158) won three matches in a superior exhibition of strength. "Bob is wrestling very consistently for us," related the grappler mentor. "He's vastly improved over last season."

Steve Draper, "the real sleeper on the squad," according

to Addleman, was the top athlete in the 177-pound class with three decisions over three foes, two by pins. "Steve's very aggressive and very physical," said SAC's coach.

The Dons were hindered by injuries to Everett Winters (118) who pulled some cartilage in his knee and Henry Dias (134) who suffered a rib injury in the tourney. "We're getting banged up. We have some sore bodies and a lot of little injuries, but not anything serious," stated Addleman.

"We're progressing well, but

we only have 12 athletes on the squad," said the grappler instructor. "We're very thin on depth at the present."

SAC tied El Camino 22-22, after battling from a 9-0 deficit. The Dons then lost two close decisions to Bakersfield (24-17) and Lower Columbia 20-18.

SAC's young but aggressive wrestlers next home contest will be against Orange Coast on Jan. 23, and will open South Coast Conference action. The Dons quest for a third SCC crown will begin at 7:30 p.m. in SAC's arena.



(photo by Ed Blair)

SLAMMER -- Bob Zantos slams one of his opponents to the canvas during last week's annual Santa Ana Wrestling Tournament. The 158-pound grappler defeated three consecutive foes in the Don tourney. SAC's young wrestling squad keeps improving with every match and should be a strong match for any conference matches in the near future.